GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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RAISING THE CROP SIZE OF TOBACCO
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Tobacco growers of Karnataka have requested the Government to raise the crop size to 30 million kilogram; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to raise the crop size as demanded by the tobacco growers in that State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : There have been demands for raising the crop size of tobacco in Karnataka. On the basis of the projected requirements of the traders and the availability of stock, the crop size for Karnataka for the 2001-02 season has been raised to 34.43 million kilograms, with scope for further enhancement by 3.63 million kilograms to cover certain categories of licensed growers to enable them to qualify for registration for 2001-2002 crop season.